

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Hiroo HONGO **Examiner:** Cheung Lee  
**Serial No:** 10/523,418 **Art Unit:** 2812  
**Filed:** February 1, 2005 **Docket:** 18617  
**For:** CATALYST SUPPORT SUBSTRATE, **Dated:** April 29, 2008  
METHOD FOR GROWING CARBONE  
NANOTUBES USING THE SAME, AND  
TRANSISTOR USING CARBON NANOTUBES

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

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Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated April 4, 2008, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-19, for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-34 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-19, drawn to a catalyst supporting substrate and a transistor.


Group II, Claims 20-34, drawn to a method for growing carbon nanotubes and a method for manufacturing a transistor.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I, and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-19. However, applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § §121 and 372 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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